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**RENOWNED ROCK-FUSION TRIO *THE ARISTOCRATS*
REVEAL ALBUM TITLE/CONCEPT OF FIRST NEW STUDIO
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AND DELUXE FORMATS AS WELL AS VINYL**

***SELECT UNITED STATES WEST COAST TOUR DATES CONFIRMED
AROUND ALBUM RELEASE***

(New York, NY) – Renowned rock-fusion trio *The Aristocrats* are excited to reveal the album title and concept of their first studio album in five years: DUCK will be available in both standard and deluxe edition formats as well as vinyl on February 16th, 2024. The new concept album will be released via BOING Music, distributed via Hostile City Distro/MVD in North America. The trademark *Aristocratic* musical mayhem is rowdier than ever, but the band’s fifth studio album is truly like nothing else in their catalogue. DUCK is mixed by Forrester Savell (Twelve Foot Ninja, Dead Letter Circus, The Butterfly Effect) and contains original character artwork by film animator Lance Myers (Space Jam, Anastasia, Quest For Camelot).

Of the inspiration for DUCK, *The Aristocrats* collectively explained, “It is the story of a web-footed Antarctic Island native fleeing a penguin policeman all the way to New York City...where considerable misadventure and danger await.” Of its genesis, they elaborated, “We’ve always been writing with a storytelling aspect in mind, and our live shows always include our stories behind the songs...But the stories had mainly been about us. Then Marco came into the studio with a song about a duck, and we all looked at each other and said, ‘What if all of stories for the songs on this album...happened to a duck? What’s that story about?’ And suddenly we had a concept album on our hands.”

DUCK will be available in both standard and deluxe editions. The standard edition features the original CD, whilst the deluxe edition contains the original CD along with a USB DUCK drive with behind-the-scenes footage, demos and more, a DUCK pass laminate with QR code for bonus features and a custom *Aristocrats*-branded lanyard. DUCK will also be available in 180-gram double vinyl. To access album art for the standard edition, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to access artwork for the deluxe edition. Click [here](#) to access new publicity images of *The Aristocrats*.

Coinciding with the release of DUCK, *The Aristocrats* will headline select dates on the West Coast of the United States. Please see below for the itinerary. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Over the past 12 years, *The Aristocrats* – guitarist Guthrie Govan (Steven Wilson, Hans Zimmer, Asia/GPS), bassist Bryan Beller (Joe Satriani, Steve Vai, Dethklok), and drummer Marco Minnemann (Steven Wilson, Joe Satriani, Steve Hackett) – have established themselves as one of the most musically original, refreshingly irreverent, and astoundingly entertaining instrumental rock-fusion acts on the planet. Global media have gushed with the UK's Rhythm Magazine declaring them "More fun than fusion has a right to be..." and The San Diego Union Tribune avowing, "If there is a more accomplished, empathetic and versatile all-instrumental trio in rock than *The Aristocrats*, I've yet to hear them..."

The buzz from their supposedly one-off debut gig at the Anaheim NAMM show in 2011 led to *The Aristocrats* self-titled debut album. Tracked in just eight days, THE ARISTOCRATS (2011) was hailed as an instant classic in leading music publications worldwide, appearing on many of that year's top ten lists. *The Aristocrats* then proceeded to make three more critically acclaimed studio albums over the next decade, two of which landed in the Billboard Top 10 Jazz Chart. (Jazz? Ok, sure.) Four world tours and three live albums later, the band is known on five continents as a must-see whirlwind musical experience.

The Aristocrats United States West Coast tour dates – February, 2024:

FEBRUARY

16	Seattle, WA	The Triple Door
17	Portland, OR	Mississippi Studios
19	Redding, CA	The Dip
22	Mill Valley, CA	Sweetwater Music Hall
24	Los Angeles, CA	The Echo

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